(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Rural Electrification Corporation has reported the release of Rs. 14.06 lakhs to the Kuppam Rural Electrical Cooperative in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years.

(b) and (c). A letter received from the Hon'ble Member suggesting inclusion of Punganur and Palamner under the Kuppam Rural Electrical Cooperative has been forwarded to the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board, since the Cooperatives are under the administrative control of the State Government.

Use of Indian Soil for Trafficking in Bangladeshi Girls

3849. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR:
SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:

Will the Minster of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Indian soil is being used for trafficking in of Bangladeshi girls;

(b) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item published in the "Jansatta" dated November 7, 1991 according to which Delhi is the main centre for such activities; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone System in Calcutta

3850. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta Telephone system is in utter shambles;

(b) the reasons for not introducing the so-called state-of art technology to upgrade this and bring it to the level of the system in Delhi;

(c) whether any short-term and long-term plan has been formulated for improving the Calcutta Telephone system; and

(d) if so, its broad features the various phases in which this will be implemented and the capital outlay involved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A number of state-of-the art technologies like Electronic exchanges, PCM digital Microwave, Optical Fibre and underground ducts have been already introduced in Calcutta Telephones.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Broad features of the Plan are;

(i) Replacement of old life expired exchanges;

(ii) deloading of cross-bar exchanges to improve their efficiency;

(iii) Upgradation of external plant which includes introduction of more op-

tical fibre and digital microwave system and ducts;

(iv) Modernisation of auto manual trunk exchanges.

The estimated capital outlay invoi ed is around Rs. 700 crores.

Conference on 'Computer and Communication'

3851. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is holding for the first time, an international conference on 'Computer and Communication';

(b) if so, the main purpose of this conference; and

(c) to what extent the conference will help to develop the communication and computer system in India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Implementation of Prevention of Atrocity Act, 1989

3852. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Union Government in Uttar Pradesh on implementation of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocity) Act, 1989 during 1990-91 and the amount allocated for this, for the year 1991-92; and

(b) the details of the amount allocated and incurred by the Uttar Pradesh Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). An amount of Rs. 79,35,000/- was released as matching central share to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh during 1990-91. No proposal has been received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for allocation of funds for 1991-92. Nor has the statement of expenditure been supplied by the State Government.

[*English*]

Abduction of Foreigners in Kashmir

3853. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number and the details of foreigners abducted by the extremists in the Kashmir Valley during the last two months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): On the night between the 14th and 15th October, 1991 one French national Shri Antonio Silva, an Engineer of Dul-Hasti Hydro-electric project was reported missing. His car was found at the bottom of a ravine burned and smashed into pieces but no trace of the body was reported. Later on 17.10.91 a Jammu and Kashmir terrorist outfit 'Al-Fateh' claimed responsibility for his abduction.

Scheme for development of Tribal Areas in Maharashtra

3854. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH; Will the Minster of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have for-